

City of Rock Falls

603 W. 10th Street
Rock Falls, IL 61071-2854

Regular meeting minutes of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 21, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Rod Kleckler.

City Clerk Pam Martinez called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor Kleckler, Aldermen Wangelin, Byrd, Doane, Dowd, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Assistant City Administrator Gabbi McKanna were present.

Audience Request:

None

Community Affairs: Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda was split for approval by Mayor Kleckler and were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the April 7, 2026, City Council Meeting
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the minutes from April 7, 2026, City Council Meeting and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Approval of bills as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Dowd to approve the Bills as Presented and second by Alderman Doane.

Discussion and clarification were presented by City Administrator Blackert, Mayor Kleckler and City Attorney Cole.

Vote 5 aye, 2 no (Byrd and Sobottka), motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2026-2733 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2733 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2026-2734 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2026-2734 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2026-2735 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Section 16-389 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Regarding Tasting Licenses and Other Matters
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2735 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Section 16-389 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code

Regarding Tasting Licenses and Other Matters for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Stahr.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2026-946 – 2026 Fiesta Day Parade

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2026-946 – 2026 Fiesta Day Parade and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Accept the recommendation from TWM Consulting Engineers to award the bid for the Chip Seal Project to Civil Constructors-Helm Civil, 2283 Route 20 East, Freeport, IL 61032 in the amount of \$73,861.05

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from TWM Consulting Engineers to award the bid for the Chip Seal Project to Civil Constructors-Helm Civil, 2283 Route 20 East, Freeport, IL 61032 in the amount of \$73,861.05 and second by Alderman Doane.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Accept the recommendation from TWM Consulting Engineers to award the bid for the Street Overlays Project to Martin and Company Excavating, 2456 E Pleasant Grove Road, Oregon, IL 61061 in the amount of \$276,827.41.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from TWM Consulting Engineers to award the bid for the Street Overlays Project to Martin and Company Excavating, 2456 E Pleasant Grove Road, Oregon, IL 61061 in the amount of \$276,827.41.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator Blackert read a Thank You card from Coloma Township for the new LED lights that were installed in their building.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Public Works Public Property Committee to enter into a 3-year contract with Vialytics, 23 Dalton Place, Edison, NJ 08817 for an intelligent road management system in the amount of \$33,504.00 with a onetime set up fee of \$4,750.00 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carries.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Public Works Public Property Committee to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar Next Gen 265 XPS Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$87,452.00 from Altorfer, Inc., 2600 6th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Public Works Public Property Committee to finance the Caterpillar Next Gen 265 XPS Compact Track Loader through Tax Exempt Leasing Corp, 2044 Tollgate Boulevard, Thompson's Station, TN for a 3-year term with an interest rate of 5.99 percent and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Stahr to approve the Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the second reading and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budgets and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Alderman Doane stated that he is working on six estimates for murals to be placed in the City of Rock Falls with three mural artists.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kleckler asked for approval of appointment of Ward 1 Alderperson Mark Searing to start May 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, 6 aye, 1 nay (Doane), motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, all approved (6:01 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk